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ACSW has Deployed a Wireless Network Across Alaska

- ACSW originally constructed TDMA/AMPS network
- ACSW has been upgrading sites and adding new coverage in major phased construction project to transition to CDMA
- ACSW faces extremely difficult circumstances in deploying and upgrading its network across Alaska
- With its new network, ACSW is bringing advanced services, improved public safety throughout rural and remote Alaskan areas
- ACSW has faced specific challenges related to CDMA deployment that are the subject of two waiver requests

Petition to Extend 95% Deadline for E911 Deployment

- ACSW currently has a two-tiered deadline: June 30, 2006 for Anchorage/Fairbanks; January 31, 2007 statewide
- ACSW has made diligent efforts to meet deadlines
- While efforts are very effective, achieving 3% conversion rate monthly, ACSW has asked for a limited extension for Anchorage/Fairbanks to match statewide deadline
- Why ACSW has not met its goal:
 - Customers do not want to give up phones, despite numerous promotions
 - Unique Alaska issues
 - Anchorage/Fairbanks customers want to keep TDMA/AMPS phones for service in more rural areas
 - Only one PSAP providing Phase II service
- Highest company priority to meet 95% goal

ACSW Analog Waiver Petition

- FCC abolished requirement that carriers must have analog facilities, but required carriers to retain facilities over five year transition until February 18, 2008
- Purpose of transition: So that two categories of users, hearing-impaired, and non-subscribed 911-only handset users, would continue to have access to network
- When reviewing detailed CDMA construction plans for most remote areas, identified seven sites where running two networks not feasible
- Each site has unique circumstances – remote, costly to operate and maintain, little usage
- ACSW asked for waiver of retention requirement at these seven sites
- Waiver is in public interest – If FCC grants, ACSW will be able to upgrade sites with CDMA
- With upgrade, customers will greatly benefit – ACSW will provide advanced services and improved public safety to these seven very remote areas
- Waiver extremely limited and targeted in scope, based on unique circumstances of each case